

(a) whether the Government have been urging upon various industries to pay more attention to Research and Development for improving technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also propose to take some measures of its own in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, R&D in industry by industry is of recent origin in India and has been increasing gradually. Currently it is about 20% of the total R&D expenditure in the country. It is also relatively small compared to the turnover of the industry. Government has been urging the industries to enhance their role in the area and increase their commitment to R&D.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Government has been encouraging the promotion and development of technologies in private sector through their own research and development skills.

The schemes initiated by the Government include: According recognition to the in-house Research and Development units in Industry; Presentation of awards of industrial R&D units on their outstanding achievements; Import of equipments and raw materials including pilot plant for research and development, under Open General Licence; Income Tax concessions on expenditure incurred on scientific research and investments made on scientific equipments and capital assets; enhanced accelerated depreciation on the plant and machinery installed.

### **Telecast of T.V. Serial 'Jai Hanuman'**

5699. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIARIYAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast a T.V. serial "Jai Hanuman";

(b) the names of the producers of the serial; and

(c) the time by which the above serial is proposed to be telecast?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Doordarshan has received a T.V. Serial proposal titled "Jai Hanuman" from M/s A.A.A. Films for approval under the new sponsorship scheme. Doordarshan has initiated the examination of the proposals received under the scheme. The question of telecast will arise only if the proposal is approved.

### **Cold Storages in Karnataka**

5700. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages in Karnataka;

(b) whether the number of cold storages in the State is very few; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase the cold storage facilities in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) There are 76 licensed cold storages in Karnataka.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of 'b' above, does not arise.

### **Demand of Food Processing Units**

5701. SHRIC.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food processing units have been demanding to consider processed fruits and vegetables at par with fresh fruits and vegetables; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHARGOMANGO):

(a) All India Food Preservers Association has been proposing changes in taxation structure in fruit and vegetable processing industries along with the demand to consider processed fruit and vegetables at par with fresh fruit and vegetables.

(b) These suggestions are being examined and appropriate action will be taken.

### **Sickness in Food and Vegetable Processing Industries**

5702. SHRIC.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sickness in the fruit and vegetable processing industries is increasing day by day;

(b) the number of such industries which have become sick during each of the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken to remove sickness in these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHARGOMANGO): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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### **Public Sector undertakings in Gujarat**

5703. SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new industries under the Public Sector in Gujarat during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places where such industries are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details of the projects proposed to be set up in the Central Public Sector in Gujarat are given below:

(i) Butadiene Extraction Plant Revamp, Vadodara (anticipated Cost Rs. 33.53 crores).

(ii) PBR Plant (50000 tpa) Vadodara (anticipated cost Rs. 114.52 crores).

(iii) Poly Propylene plant (75000 tpa) Vadodara (anticipated cost Rs. 198.63 crores).

(iv) Gas based integrated petrochemicals cracker complex (300000 tpa ethylene), Gandhar.